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Dear Commissioners:

I have just read that APS is requesting, once again, a rate increase of 7% from the Arizona Corporation Commission. The last APS increase was granted in 2009 with the commission also barring them from asking for additional rate increases for seventeen months specifically to curtail their continual requests for rate hikes.

Now, we are told that the increase would only raise the *average* household bill a little more than \$8 a month. This phrase has always amused me, as just what *is* the 'average' household?! Can you or anyone else explain that to me?

Anyway, APS says they need this increase for 'system improvement' and to recover costs of providing energy-efficient programs. What APS is telling us about this increase **does not** include the charges it lists separately for alternative energy, conservation efforts, and fuel. Which, by the way, are adjusted annually and usually higher. Also, APS says this increase would pay them back for what it puts out as part of these programs.

What APS is really looking to pay for, is several solar-powered plants that are under way in its service area. But, aren't the renewable energy projects, including wind farms and solar plants, already paid for by a special tariff in customer bills?

If APS must cut back on dividends it pays stock holders, so be it. Many thousands of people are loosing their homes, jobs and more of the basics of life. If utility companies think there is no limit to what they can require from people, then some people will be forced to live without them.

PLEASE.....NO RATE INCREASE, NOW!!!

Respectfully,

Stan Sides

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